

Son. The true Christian, always having an obedient spirit, asks for temporal blessings with sincere deference to the divine will, and if the denial comes he regards this as only God's way of bestowing the best gifts. In such instances God usually implants in the soul of the suppliant, not only a willingness to accept His ordering, but a sincere choice of it. When we speak of spiritual blessings, however, how wonderful is the engagement which He makes with every obedient soul! To all such the word is spoken without qualification, "Ask, and ye shall receive," for "we know that they have the petitions that they desire of Him."—*Selected.*

SHOW ME THY WAY

LUCY LARCOM

Dark the night the snow is falling;
Thro the storm are voices calling;
Guides mistaken and misleading,
Far from home and help receding.
Vain is all those voices say;
Show me Thy way!

Blind am I as those who guide me;
Let me feel Thee close beside me!
Come as light into my being!
Unto me be eyes, all-seeing!
Hear my one heart's wish, I pray:
Show me Thy way!

Son of man, and Lord immortal,
Opener of the heavenly portal,
In Thee all my hope is hidden;
Never yet was soul tormented
Near Thee, always near, to stay;
Show me Thy way!

Thou art truth's eternal morning;
Led by Thee, all evil scorning,
Thro the paths of pure salvation
I shall find Thy habitation,
Whence I never more shall stray;
Show me Thy way!

Thou must lead me, and none other,
Truest Lover, Friend, and Brother.
Thou art my soul's shelter, whether
Stars gleam out or tempests gather;
In Thy presence night is day;
Show me Thy way!

—*Christian Advocate.*

LIVING AT OUR BEST

Do not try to do a great thing; you may waste all your life waiting for the opportunity which may never come. But since little things are always claiming your attention, do them as they come, from a great motive, for the glory of God, to win His smile of approval, and to do good to men. It is harder to plod on in obscurity, acting thus, than to stand on the high places of the field, within the view of all, and to do deeds of valor at which rival armies stand still to gaze. But no such acts goes without the swift recognition and the ultimate recompense of Christ.

To fulfill faithfully the duties of your station; to use to the uttermost the gifts of your ministry; to bear chafing annoyances and trivial irritations as martyrs bore the pillory and stake; to find the one noble trait in people who try to molest you; to put the kindest construction on unkind acts and words; to love with the love of God even the unthankful and evil; to be content to be a fountain in the midst of a wild valley of stones, nourishing a few lichens and wild

flowers, or now and again a thirsty sheep; and to do this always, and not for the praise of man, but for the sake of God—this makes a great life.—*F. B. Meyer.*

Our Young People

CALLED—TO WHAT?—HOW?

Isa. 6: 1-8; Mark 1: 16-20

Topic for February 13.

One good topic crowds upon another. If the young people of today do not do their duty, it will not be because they have no chance of knowing it. When a person accepts a position, the first thing to do, is to find out the duties of that position, and prepare to fulfill them. In this lesson we shall see to what we as Christians have been called, and what is necessary on our part to live worthy of that calling.

CALLED TO BE

1. We are called to a change of condition, I Cor. 6: 9-11.
2. To be saints (*Toi hagioi*—the holy,) Rom. 1: 7.
3. To fellowship with Christ, I Cor. 1: 9.
4. To liberty, Gal. 5: 13.
5. To glory and virtue, II Peter 1: 3.
6. To be heirs, Rom. 8: 17.
7. To life eternal, I Tim. 6: 12.

CALLED TO DO

1. To go, Matt. 28: 19.
2. To teach, II Tim. 2: 25.
3. To testify, Acts 1: 3.
4. To rebuke, II Tim. 4: 23.
5. To warn, Ezek. 33: 8, 9.
6. To pray, I John 5: 16.
7. To a loving ministry, Luke 4: 18.

NEEDFUL PREPARATION AND HELP

1. Cleansed hearts and lips, Isa. 52: 11; 6: 5, 8; John 15: 3.
2. Surrendered lives, Rom. 12: 1.
3. Guidance, I John 2: 27.
4. Our companion, Matt. 28: 20.
5. Wisdom, Jas. 1: 5.
6. Power, Acts 1: 8.
7. The promises, II Peter 1: 4; II Cor. 7: 1; Rev. 23: 7.

ILLUSTRATIVE

Some one has criticised the attitude of many cold churches likening them to people in a life-boat escaping from a doomed ship, singing merrily about their escape, with never a thought of the poor people left behind to be lost.

A man and his child were spending a pleasant day in the woods. The father lay down to sleep, leaving the child to play. When he awoke it was gone. He called but there was no answer. With beating heart he searched about, and found shortly a precipice, and looking over he saw the mangled form of his child on the rocks below. He cursed himself then for his sinful sleep, but it was too late. It may be that some of us are allowing dear ones to play with eternal destiny, while we sleep and give them never a word of warning.

FOR ANSWER IN THE MEETING

1. Who are the "called of God," Jude 1; Rev. 22: 17.
2. Is it possible for all to live up to the standard of our calling, Eph. 1: 4; 3: 14-20.
3. Can every one do personal work?
4. How ought we to prepare for our work?
5. How far are we responsible for the unconverted about us?
6. Quote some promises to the soul winner.
7. How can our society win more to Christ.

To the leader.—Not every topic is so well adapted to a revival meeting as this. You should rejoice that you can lead this meeting. Plan for it. Make all things in your power work together to the end that there may be conversions. Sing invitation songs. Have a talk by the pastor. Have requests for pray-

ers and give an opportunity for a confession of Christ. Do personal work beforehand not neglecting of course to be much in prayer for it.

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HOW TO INCREASE THE SOUL-WINNING POWERS OF THE C. L. COMMITTEE

At the semi-annual convention of the C. E. of Kosciusko Co., Ind., this subject was discussed by the chairmen of various committees. Being a worker myself on the literature committee, I wish to give here a few thoughts. The committee has a great work to do, and the president of the society should be very careful in choosing the committee, always choosing one or more earnest workers, on each committee, and as many more as they see fit. We as a committee should be prayerful and careful in our work, always asking the aid of the Father, and waiting for the guidance of the Spirit. In our convention a sister spoke of tarrying at Jerusalem to be endued with power from on high, and the thought came to me, how nice it would be to have a monthly prayer meeting at the home of our president, for the committee, where we could talk over the difficulties we encounter in our work, where the stronger ones could help the weaker, where we could be more free with each other and come in touch with the president and all the members of the several committees. We would be able to come in closer communion with the Father, and with Christ, our example. I know we could perform our duties better, we would be able to tell each other better just where in the Bible we get our greatest help; we could help the floral committee in selecting Scripture to take with them as they go forth to carry the sweet message of love from the society to those that are not able to be with us, or those who do not belong to any society or church and are on their beds of affliction. Who knows but that many a one may be brought to Christ thro them. It would help the Lookout committee in speaking more kindly to those that have fallen away, telling them how we all love them and want them with us again. It would help the Literature committee in selecting their messages of love to distribute in the homes of the district. It would help the Prayer meeting committee to select the best leaders for the society each week. It would give us all strength, and by our increased strength we would be more able to strengthen those who are weak. I wish to ask those of our presidents who read this, to ask the Father to enlighten and help you to understand, and I would ask you to tarry with your committee, work with them, talk with them, help them, and above all love them, make it known to them that you love them, and by your loving them, and by their learning to love one another, they can go out into the world and make those who are deep down in sin know that Christ our Savior died for them, just the same as he did for us, and he loves those who are in sin the same as he loves us. Try it brother and sister president, and see if you do not get more work from your committees. Ask Christ to help you.

Yours in the cause,

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